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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND ATTENDANCE AT 59TH UNGA

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1. (SBU) Post contacted Rachel Bennett, United Nations and Commonwealth (UNC) Division, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), who provided the following information in response to reftel request.

Foreign Minister:

-- Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade the Honorable Phil Goff

-- Goff expects to arrive either Monday, September 20 or mid-day on the 21st. He plans to depart New York City on Friday, September 24. Flight plans will be provided once confirmed. Goff is scheduled to give the NZ statement at the 59th UNGA General Debate in the evening of Tuesday, September 21.

-- He will not/not be accompanied by his wife.

-- No translation is needed.

Goff will be accompanied by Mr. Hamish Cooper, Goff's Private Secretary, and Ms. Heather Riddell, Director, UNC Division,

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MFAT. Cooper will accompany Goff on all flights, but Riddell will arrive one day prior.

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